



Use of TRACES Health certificate for commercial movements of birds within the European Union.

The Veterinary Regulation Directorate (VRD) would like to remind all ornithological associations and bird keepers intending to purchase, buy, or otherwise acquire, live birds in EU member states, and transport said birds to Malta as a commercial movement, that under relevant legislation, they are obliged to:-

- Register as importers on the TRACES system, prior to leaving Malta, or at least 3 working days before purchase of the birds.
- Ensure that the birds are issued with a TRACES Health certificate by the local official veterinary services of the area in the country where the birds are bought, purchased or acquired.

The laws on the use of TRACES Health Certification are intended as an efficient and rapid system to protect Malta from the introduction of bird diseases that would have a devastating effect on local bird populations and the economy.

In accordance with the Regulations, any birds arriving in Malta without the TRACES health certificate will be detained in quarantine and refused entry into Malta, or euthanised. Furthermore, any infringements of the above regulations may incur sanctions and fines as described in Part IX of the Veterinary Services Act.

For further information, please contact the VRD Trade Unit on petstravel.mafa@gov.mt

L-Użu taċ-ċertifikat ta' saħha TRACES għal moviment kummerċjali ta' għasafar ġo l-Unjoni Ewropea.

Id-Direttorat għar-Regolazzjoni Veterinarja jixtieq iffakkar lill-assoċjazzjonijiet kollha ornitolġiċi u lid-dilettanti ta' l-għasafar li għandhom il-ħsieb jixtru, jew jakkwistaw, għasafar ħajjin minn pajjiżi stati membri ta' l-Unjoni Ewropea, u jittrasportjaw dawn l-għasafar lura Malta bħala moviment kummerċjali, li skond il-liġijiet rilevanti, huma għandhom l-obbligu li:-

- Jirreġistraw ruħhom bħala importaturi fuq is-sistema TRACES qabel ma jitilqu minn Malta, jew almenu tlett ijiem (*working days*) qabel ma jixtru l-għasafar.
- Jassiguraw li l-għasafar jinħargilhom Ċertifikat ta' saħħa TRACES mill-uffiċjali tas-servizzi veterinarji lokali taż-żona tal-pajjiż minn fejn inxtraw, jew ġew akkwistati, l-għasafar.

L-intenzjoni tal-liġijiet fuq l-użu taċ-ċertifikat tas-saħħa TRACES hija li jkun hemm sistema effiċjenti u rapida li tipproteġi lil Malta kontra l-introduzzjoni tal-mard ta' l-għasafar, u l-effett divastanti fuq il-popolazzjoni lokali tal-għasafar u l-ekonomija.

Skond dawn ir-regoli, għasafar li jaslu Malta mingħajr iċ-ċertifikat ta' saħħa TRACES, jiġu detenuti f'kwarantana u ma jithallewx jidhlu Malta, jew jiġu mraqqda. Barra min dan, reati kontra dawn ir-regolamenti jistgħu iwasslu għal penali u multi hekk kif deskritt fil-parti IX ta' L-Att dwar is-Servizzi Veterinarji.

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